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SUBJECT: PANAMA SITUATION: CHRONOLOGY

1. SEPTEMBER 10 -- STUDENT DEMONSTRATION AT CHILEAN EMBASSY MARKING ANNIVERSARY OF ALLENDE OVERTHROW. DEMONSTRATION EVOLVES INTO PROTEST AGAINST GOP ECONOMIC POLICIES INCLUDING RECENT PRICE INCREASES FOR MILK AND RICE.
2. SEPTEMBER 13 -- DEMONSTRATIONS ON ECONOMIC ISSUES RESUME. PANAMANIAN AMBASSADOR GONZALEZ REVILLA SUMMONED TO PANAMA FOR CONSULTATIONS.
3. SEPTEMBER 14 -- PANAMANIAN PRESS ALLEGES US INDECISION IN CONTINUING THE NEGOTIATIONS. DEMONSTRATIONS ON

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ECONOMIC ISSUES CONTINUE.

4. SEPTEMBER 15 -- DEMONSTRATIONS IN PANAMA CITY BECOME VIOLENT. LOOTING OCCURS. GUARDIA NACIONAL BANS FURTHER DEMONSTRATIONS. SCHOOLS CLOSED UNTIL SEPTEMBER 20.

5. SEPTEMBER 16 -- PANAMA CHARGE GIVES NYTIMES REPORTER CHRONOLOGY SHOWING ALLEGED US "FLIP FLOP" ON NEGOTIATION SCHEDULE. DEPARTMENT TELLS PANAMANIAN CHARGE THAT THIS

IS A PRESSURE TACTIC WHICH US WILL HAVE DIFFICULTY RISING ABOVE. BAN ON DEMONSTRATIONS IN EFFECT.

6. SEPTEMBER 17 -- PANAMANIAN PRESS ACCUSES US OF ATTEMPTING TO DESTABILIZE GOP. FOREIGN MINISTER BOYD GIVES AMBASSADOR JORDEN NOTE PROTESTING ACTIVITIES OF PANAMANIAN AND US CITIZENS IN CANAL ZONE ALLEGEDLY PLOTTING AGAINST GOP. JORDEN EXPRESSES SURPRISE AND DISAPPOINTMENT OVER ALLEGATIONS WHICH HE TERMS PATENTLY FALSE. JORDEN ALSO RAISES PANAMANIAN APPROACH TO NYTIMES, NOTING THAT THIS COULD ONLY SERVE TO EMBARRASS ADMINISTRATION AND THEREFORE DELAY NEGOTIATIONS FURTHER. IN MEETING AT DEPARTMENT, PANAMANIAN CHARGE ALSO ACCUSES US OF INTERFERING IN PANAMANIAN INTERNAL AFFAIRS.

7. SEPTEMBER 18 -- PANAMANIAN PRESS CARRIES ONLY LIMITED NEWS ABOUT DIPLOMATIC NOTE. US PRESS PLAY ALSO LIGHT AND LIMITED TO COVERAGE OF PANAMANIAN DOMESTIC SITUATION. ROBINSON

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